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Federal Communications Commission

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In the Matter of)

Changes in Part 97)

With regard to Amateur)

Radio Service Rules,)

97.119(a) Station Identification)

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To: The Commission

Petition by Murray Green, Amateur Radio Operator, K3BEQ

Respectfully requests that the Commission modify Part 97.119 Station Identification of the Amateur Radio Services Rules to require Amateur Radio station identification at the end of each communication and at least every thirty minutes.

Introduction:

Commission rule 97.119(a) (Station identification) requires:

Each amateur station, except a space station or telecommand station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least *every ten minutes* during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions. No station may transmit unidentified communications or signals, or transmit as the station call sign, any call sign not authorized to the station.

47 C.F.R. § 97.119(a) (emphasis added).

Although the Commission's requirement that Amateur Radio operators identify their stations is valid, less frequent identification should not hinder the Commission's enforcement of Amateur Radio regulations, as demonstrated by the station identification requirements for other radio services. For example, Experimental radio Service stations are required to identify "at least once every thirty minutes." 47 C.F.R. § 5.115. Public

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Mobile Services stations are required to identify once "each hour within five minutes of the hour, or from completion of the first transmission after the hour." 47 C.F.R. § 22.313(b). Revising Section 97.119(a) to require identification of Amateur Radio stations at least every thirty minutes and at the end of each communication would harmonize the Amateur Radio Service station identification requirement with that of other radio services and should not hinder the Commission's enforcement of Amateur Radio regulations.

Furthermore, the ten minute requirement under the existing language of Section 97.119(a) appears, perhaps out of an abundance of caution, to have resulted in more frequent or over-identification by Amateur Radio operators.

Recommended Action To Be Taken By The Commission:

The Commission should amend Section 97.119(a) of Part 47 to harmonize the identification requirements of the Amateur Radio Service with other radio services the Commission regulates:

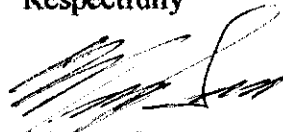
Each amateur station, except a space station or telecommand station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every *thirty* minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions. No station may transmit unidentified communications or signals, or transmit as the station call sign, any call sign not authorized to the station.

Summary

For the foregoing reasons, the petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission amend Section 97.119(a) to require Amateur Radio station identification at the end of each communication and at least every thirty minutes.

Dated: December 5, 2005

Respectfully



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